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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service  
THROUGH: Chief, Operations Group, FBIS  
FROM:   
Acting Chief, Okinawa Bureau, FBIS  
SUBJECT: Monthly Report - Okinawa Bureau - May 1986

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I. GENERAL

A. Contrary to many forecasts, the U.S. dollar rate against the Japanese yen continued to fall sharply instead of rising after the 4-6 May Tokyo Summit of the Group of Seven Western nations. On 12 May the dollar dipped as low as yen 159.90 to \$1.00, the lowest by far since World War II, and <sup>waivered</sup> in the low 160 to 165 yen range most of the month, finally getting up to yen 169 briefly in late May. Headquarters added funds for \$200,000 of bureau relief on 5 May for the crucial SOC covering major Master Labor Contract employee costs. FY-1986 funds remain more than \$200,000 short of needs, even if one MLC employee's lump-sum pension is paid after 30 September, unless the yen-dollar rate improves.

B. The Tokyo Summit was the major coverage event of the month, generating some 100,000 extra words from major press conference statements by Prime Minister Nakasone and Foreign Minister Abe televised on NHK, and from extensive KYODO English coverage that saved the bureau's now smaller four-man Japanese team considerable translation. Several extra Tokyo TV tapes were sent under the "Cities" project. Sideshow events included extremely tight security in Tokyo subway stations that caused no damage or injury.

C. The bureau revived efforts to establish an FBIS remote record-and-feed operation from Cebu or Clark AB, the Philippines, in order to restore reliable reception that Hong Kong Bureau lost in February from transmitter destruction and changed operating patterns. Late May messages from Manila suggested the bureau chief revisit to explore hiring of a local national contractor, after the embassy ruled that USIS and Consulate facilities were "not suitable" for FBIS remote equipment. The bureau chief scheduled a Manila TDY the first week of June.

D. Okinawa's 5-year-old 10-meter satellite dish continued to show its age, despite extensive major maintenance performed in the first two weeks of May involving washing, sanding, repainting, new coaxial cable, and overhaul of azimuth and elevation motors and drives. Only a few days later heavy rains caused shorting of the "down" elevation relay, leaving the dish usable in a restricted mode with rather cumbersome manual throwing of switches. These late May reports led C/FED to propose a major TDY health checkup for the ROSET by a Scientific Atlanta expert probably in June.

## II. OPERATIONS

### A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. China's first ever switch to summer/daylight time on 4 May advanced by one hour all transmissions of Beijing domestic radio, provincial and city services and the Beijing XINHUA Chinese and English services. The humorous side of a tortuous Shanghai circular explaining what the time changes meant for the Chinese people was seized by the American Consulate, Shanghai, under two messages slugged "Advance and Straddle?" and "A Great Spring Forward." The consulate pointed out that "we thought we knew what was going to happen until we read the explanation" in the Shanghai circular, which the consulate called "a classic in the genre of Chinese bureaucratese." The bureau was asked to refile the item to other U.S. Consulates in the PRC.

2. Bureau efforts to cover the 11th congress of the Mongolian People's Revolutionary Party from Ulaanbaatar by MONTSAME Russian radioteletype service reporting were severely hampered by poor reception--not unusual for this service--for the 28-31 May event. The major report by General Secretary Batmonh was unavailable from MONTSAME, but fortunately the bureau for the first time had live televised coverage of it, in progress by satellite, with Mongolian-language sound, from the Soviet 80 East satellite used for numerous pass-feeds among communist countries. The bureau filed VSLs on the Mongolian TV and forwarded tapes to Headquarters for MOD and Production Group analysis.

3. China's XINHUA English press transmissions began computerized operations on 7 May, causing initial confusion and extra work as XINHAU experimented with various formats and numbering systems, including slight variations of items with otherwise identical headlines and subject matter. After a few days it settled on a formula that both Okinawa editors and XINHUA can live with.

4. Okinawa editorial special duties were reshuffled to prepare for the turnover of personnel this summer: [ ] remains primary training officer with Soviet selection review also; [ ] is backup training officer and reviews Chinese program summary selection; [ ] has taken on Vietnam, Taiwan and Japan selection review, with backup for [ ] when they are absent; [ ] is taking over reference materials and diplomatic/cabinet changes from [ ] soon to depart PCS, and [ ] continues to handle lateral services.

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## B. Lateral Services

1. Several on-island consumers requested FBIS materials: the Navy Seabees at Camp Shields were added to tapes providing Japan items on political events; First Marine Aircraft Wing requested various Asia-Pacific and Japan alert items; the DODSpecRep Okinawa requested services like those he has been receiving for a counterpart consumer in the Philippines, the 6922 Electronic Security Squadron at Clark AFB; and the Third Marines Amphibious Force Interrogator/Translator Unit at Camp Hansen asked for discarded Korean-language newspapers it could use for training, like those it already has in Chinese, Russian and Vietnamese from Okinawa Bureau. Seoul Bureau agreed to provide directly through the APO system.

2. The bureau provided the Asian Studies Detachment attached to the 500th MI Group, Camp Zama, with contact addresses and product information on two kinds of facsimile equipment it is considering obtaining. The consumer had informally suggested a "point-to-point facsimile circuit" might be established between FBIS Okinawa and Zama, to deliver Chinese press materials in the vernacular, but the bureau has cautioned this poses serious problems.

3. Headquarters consumers of materials from the Soviet-controlled Chinese clandestine, Ba Yi Radio, "applauded" recent increased processing from this usually unproductive service and restated priority requirements through LRB. ?

4. Production Group's USSR Division agreed to a bureau suggestion that Soviet movie tapes used for Russian-language training be obtained directly from the Headquarters ROSET dish, rather than Okinawa's heavily used dish. The service has been provided for several years.

## C. Cruising

1. Major efforts were devoted to the semi-annual spring/summer frequency changes by Moscow, Beijing and Japanese international services, and to the Philippines' Radio Veritas Asia.

2. When the ROSET 10-meter dish resumed operations 19 May, the dish was devoted entirely to a systematic search for press facsimile of RENMIN RIBAO and CHINA DAILY, reportedly transmitted via Intelsat since last August. Recurring technical glitches in the new AFP facimile equipment, which suffered from inadequate shipping packing and loose computer chips found on arrival, prevented immediate printout of every potential facsimile intercept recorded. Bureau technical personnel trained on and tested the AFP despite these problems.

## D. Technical

1. Engineering efforts in May concentrated on a major ROSET dish overhaul, the first in the more than five years since the dish was installed, but even this could not prevent heavy Okinawan rains from

shorting out the elevation down switch and relay, which left the dish operable in a limited, manual mode when down-elevation moves are required. Major work completed included replacement of the pressurized heliax cable--which yielded a significant signal level increase, cleaning, replacement of bolts, rust removal and repainting, and servicing and lubrication of azimuth and elevation motors and drives.

2. Antenna field replacement work continued to rehabilitate three rhombic antennas, involving replacement of eight poles.

3. Evaluation of the new BACH and STedit message header and wordprocessor programs on the new IBM PC-XT units continued, with most communications personnel gaining some familiarity. Various and serious problems have arisen in use, and will be dealt with in the technical evaluation requested by C/ESG and C/ADD which should be ready in late June.

4. Late May contacts with U.S. Army communications personnel regarding the planned new microwave relay station across the road from the Bolo Point operations building led to a proposal for interference tests in the area, monitored by FBIS and Army equipment to verify there will be no problem with FBIS operations.

### III. ADMINISTRATION

#### A. Personnel

1. Chinese monitor [ ] who has been on sick leave since 27 April and was hospitalized in late May for respiratory problems, is not expected to return to work and will seek a disability retirement. He has been with FBIS since 1971.

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2. Editor [ ] and family arrived PCS from Headquarters on 2 May, replacing [ ] who departed PCS 17 May for home leave, a short DRD tour and reassignment to London Bureau.

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3. [ ] entered on duty 27 May to replace bureau secretary [ ] who will depart in June, after chief editor [ ] projected assignment to Gulf Bureau fell through due to its closure. A second part-time secretary should join the bureau later this summer.

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4. Tight security at Okinawan U.S. military bases returned to normal levels after the Tokyo Summit, although one anti-U.S. bomb threat incident on 8 May forced closure of BX and commissary facilities at two bases for a few hours. No bombs were found.

#### B. Buildings and Grounds

The bureau chief and staff concerned met on 27 May with Army Corps of Engineers Okinawa Area Office staffers to discuss the redirection of the bureau housing recapitalization program, primarily renovating--not

replacing--the GSWK houses. The engineers expect to have first plans and a new schedule within a month for review. Planning is on schedule for FY-86 work--razing of the last Quonset and building a 3-bedroom duplex unit--and a contract should be awarded in August and work begun no later than October, with the duplex finished in June 1987.

#### IV. VISITORS

##### To the Bureau

C/Operations Group [ ] paid a brief, 36-hour visit to the bureau 18-20 May, his first since becoming C/Ops. He and the bureau chief paid a courtesy call on the senior U.S. military commander on Okinawa, Maj. Gen. James L. Day, and met with U.S. and TCN/local staff. The bureau chief and [ ] hosted a cocktail reception on 19 May in his honor, attended by many U.S. military representatives and spouses, Japanese local contacts, and bureau employees and spouses.

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##### From the Bureau

Bureau engineer [ ] departed for Bangkok 20 May for R&R and TDY for a day at Bangkok Bureau prior to his expected return 18 June; Administrative officer [ ] and family departed 30 May for private travel to Hong Kong and a one-day visit to the PRC, with a stop at Hong Kong Bureau on his itinerary before returning 10 June.

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#### V. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

The bureau chief and [ ] on 28 May attended a change-of-command ceremony at Kadena Air Base, where the "mayor of Kadena," Col Michael P. Lazorchak, commander of the 18th Combat Support Wing, handed over to Col. Timothy D. Gill. Lt. Gen. Edward L. Tixier, commander of Fifth Air Force, Yokota Air Base, officiated at the ceremony. Lazorchak will become chief of staff, Pacific Air Forces, Hawaii. Gill previously was deputy commander for operations of 3rd Tactical Fighter Wing, Clark AB, the Philippines.

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## OKINAWA BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR MAY 1986

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH: 1,201,480  
 TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH: 510,010  
 TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH: 4,030

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. <u>INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:</u> (minutes or issues per week)	18,520 min.	40,040 min.	175.79 issues

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:

## CHINA

Beijing International Service to East and South Africa in English	---
Beijing International Service to North America in English	---
Beijing International Service in Japanese	170
Beijing International Service in Mandarin	---
Beijing to Taiwan in Mandarin	900
Beijing to the USSR in Russian	3,150
Beijing to Vietnam in Vietnamese	140
Beijing Domestic Service in Mandarin	12,190
Fuzhou Fujian Provincial Service in Mandarin	3,330
Hangzhou Zhejiang Provincial Service in Mandarin	3,690
Hefei Anhui Provincial Service in Mandarin	2,720
Nanchang Jiangxi Provincial Service in Mandarin	12,570
Nanjing Jiangsu Provincial Service in Mandarin	6,250
Shanghai City Service in Mandarin	6,070
Miscellaneous Editorial Reports	400

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Beijing XINHUA in		
English	523,660	
Beijing XINHUA Domestic Service in		
Chinese	99,530	
Beijing BEIJING REVIEW in		
English		1,980
Fuzhou FUJIAN RIBAO in		
Chinese		12,800
Hefei ANHUI RIBAO in		
Chinese		1,840
Hangzhou ZHEJIANG RIBAO in		
Chinese		1,220
Nanjing XINHUA RIBAO in		
Chinese		15,500
Shanghai JEIFANG RIBAO in		
Chinese		8,800
Shanghai WEN HUI BAO in		
Chinese		20,860

## CLANDESTINE

(Clandestine) Ba Yi Radio to China in  
Mandarin

2,800

## JAPAN

Naha Radio NHK in		
Japanese	1,360	
Naha NHK Television in		
Japanese	460	
Tokyo NHK Television Network in		
Japanese	10,650	
Tokyo JPS in		
English		2,750
Tokyo KYODO in		
English		201,860
Tokyo JIJI in		
English		14,230
Tokyo AKAHATA in		
Japanese		---
Tokyo ASAHI SHIMBUN in		
Japanese		1,130
Tokyo ASAHI EVENING NEWS in		
English		11,320
Tokyo JAPAN ECONOMIC JOURNAL in		
English		4,650
Tokyo MAINICHI DAILY NEWS in		
English		6,230

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Tokyo MAINICHI SHIMBUN in Japanese			1,160
Tokyo NIHON KEIZAI SHIMBUN in Japanese			6,930
Tokyo SANKEI SHIMBUN in Japanese			---
Tokyo THE DAILY YOMIURI in English			13,570
Tokyo THE JAPAN TIMES in English			12,530
Tokyo TOKYO SHIMBUN in Japanese			---
Tokyo YOMIURI SHIMBUN in Japanese			2,820
Naha OKINAWA TIMES in Japanese			---
Naha RYUKYU SHIMPO in Japanese			---
KOREA (NORTH) Pyongyang KCNA in English		---	
MONGOLIA Ulaanbaatar MONTSAME in English		6,800	
Ulaanbaatar MONTSAME in Russian		9,980	
TAIWAN Taipei International Service in English	6,830		
Taipei Domestic Service in Mandarin	3,660		
Taipei CNA in English		43,620	
Taipei CHINA POST in English			8,820
Taipei CHING CHI JIH PAO in Chinese			---
Taipei CHUNG KUO SHIH PAO in Chinese			---
Taipei CHUNG YANG JIH PAO in Chinese			830
Taipei LIEN HO PAO in Chinese			---
Taipei TZU LI WAN PAO in Chinese			250



	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
<b>UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS</b>			
Moscow to Japan in Japanese	6,060		
Moscow to Southeast Asia in Mandarin	570		
Moscow to China in Mandarin	3,520		
Moscow to Vietnam in Vietnamese	560		
Moscow Radio Peace and Progress to China in Mandarin	2,700		
Moscow Domestic Television Service in Russian	8,280		
 <b>VIETNAM</b>			
Hanoi International Service in Mandarin	120		
Hanoi Domestic Service in Vietnamese	11,660		
Hanoi VNA in English		55,000	
Hanoi VNA in French		---	
Hanoi VNA in Vietnamese	—	---	
Ho Chi Minh City VNA in Vietnamese		---	